"Basic Inference Techniques"

Reading Fragment (Medicine/Nursing)

It was a long night in the hospital. Nurse Julia noticed that one of her patients was shivering and looked pale. She quickly covered him with a blanket and checked his temperature. The thermometer showed 38.9°C. Julia knew he had a fever and needed medication soon.

Exercise 1 – Making inferences (5 items)

Read the sentences and choose the best inference.

1. The patient was **shivering** and pale.

    a) He was angry

    b) He was cold or sick

    c) He was asleep

    d) He was excited

2. Julia covered the patient with a blanket.

    a) The patient was hot

    b) The patient was cold

    c) The patient was hungry

    d) The patient was walking

3. The thermometer showed **38.9°C**.

    a) The patient had a fever

    b) The patient was healthy

c) The patient was cold

d) The patient was normal

4. Julia called the doctor after checking the temperature.

   a) The patient was fine

   b) The situation was serious

   c) The shift was over

   d) She wanted to talk

5. Julia acted quickly and calmly.

   a) She was nervous

   b) She was trained and responsible

   c) She was confused

   d) She was afraid

Exercise 2 – Infer the meaning of the word (5 items)

Use the text to guess the meaning of the bold word.

1. The patient felt **dizzy** after standing up.

   a) Weak or unstable

   b) Hungry

   c) Angry

   d) Happy

2. The doctor gave **instructions** to the nurse.

   a) Orders or directions

   b) Complaints

c) Questions

d) Apologies

3. The nurse wore **gloves** before touching the wound.

   a) Hand protection

   b) Medicine

   c) Food

   d) Paper

4. The child was **crying softly** in the waiting room.

   a) Laughing

   b) Sleeping

   c) Making a low sound of sadness

   d) Talking

5. The hospital was **crowded** that night.

   a) Full of people

   b) Empty

   c) Closed

   d) Quiet

Exercise 3 – Choose the best inference from context (5 items)

Read and infer what is happening in each sentence.

1. The nurse turned off the lights and spoke in a low voice.

   a) She wanted to make noise

   b) The patient needed to rest

c) The doctor was angry

d) It was morning

2. The patient refused to eat and looked sad.

    a) He felt better

    b) He was probably depressed or in pain

    c) He wanted dessert

    d) He was full

3. The nurse ran to the emergency room with a stretcher.

    a) Someone needed urgent help

    b) The hospital was empty

    c) It was lunchtime

    d) She was exercising

4. The doctor washed his hands and put on a mask.

    a) He was ready for surgery

    b) He was going home

    c) He was talking to visitors

    d) He was taking a break

5. The patient smiled after hearing the test results.

    a) The results were good

    b) The results were bad

    c) The patient didn't understand

    d) The patient was asleep

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